

CHIEF GRANT THWARTS ELKTON JAIL RAID

FRANCE CAN'T SQUARE DEBT

Unable to Pay Even Interest, Says Allied Statesman—Is After New Loan.

EUROPE FACES BANKRUPTCY

Hopes Uncle Sam, 'Great Giver,' Will Sponge Slate Clean of Vast Credits.

The following was written by a staff correspondent of Universal Service after conversations with Premier Lloyd George, Aristide Briand, and Giolitti, Count Sforza, V. Giannini, Winston Churchill, Lord Curzon, Lord Riddell, and with numerous other financial, economic, and diplomatic experts.

By a Staff Correspondent of Universal Service, Who Has Reported the Peace Negotiations from Beginning to End.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The United States is being looked to as the "angel" of Europe, the great giver. This is the keynote of every conversation save one I have had respecting the United States with the allied chieftains. The sole exception spoke the blunt truth.

SPEAKS BLUNTLY.

He is a man noted for just that and his career as perhaps the most successful politician in Europe has been based on this disconcerting habit of saying exactly what is in his mind. In this respect he resembles Clemenceau.

"The American Government is not clamoring for Europe to pay her debts, because Washington knows perfectly well that Europe cannot pay them."

"Europe toward the United States is in the same position as Germany toward the allies—faced by the absolute necessity of paying a stupendous sum, which is not even covered by the entire world's gold reserves, and no banker in his senses would object to a board of advisers to deal with doubtful cases. But censorship, 'Bah.'"

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Premier Lloyd George ridiculed Mr. Bottomley's declarations and challenged him to collect the indemnity from Germany.

"If Mr. Bottomley should collect the German indemnity, I suppose he would bring us shiploads of worthless marks," said the premier. "If you and the rest of the opponents of the Government's policy press for the impossible, you will get nothing. It is impossible for any nation to pay the cost of the war, which was put at 50,000,000,000 pounds. Had England lost, she could not have paid the bill in full."

Premier Lloyd George declared that the trials of "German war criminals" would be pressed to the very end.

"It is strongly to be suspected that Germany will send delegates to the London conference next month 'in ragged clothes,' continued the premier. "But no matter how the Germans come, they will be informed that they must make the same efforts and the same sacrifices as other nations to meet their obligations."

"We shall enter the conference in this city next month with the determination to exact from Germany the last farthing that can be paid. At the present time, however, it is not practicable to make proposals which might raise false hopes on the part of the public."

NOT WORTH ANOTHER WAR.

The premier said that England and France were agreed that it was not worth while to risk war with Holland to attempt to bring force to bear on the ex-Kaiser for trial.

In his statement attacking the premier's German policy, Mr. Bottomley said that "Wilhelmstrasse is treating everything with callous indifference."

RUPP CONFESSION WAS REPUDIATED

Army Officer on Death Bed Said To Have Denied Attack Upon Wife.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 18.—The War Department may reopen the investigation into the mysterious attack upon Mrs. D. A. Rupp, widow of a former American aviator, it was learned today.

Rupp recently died after taking poison, presumably by mistake. The attack upon Mrs. Rupp occurred in a local hotel last December.

Rupp originally attributed it to a "strange man and woman."

Later he admitted that he was personally responsible, but upon his death bed he is understood to have repudiated the confession.

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COOKS—Short-order, two; one day and one night; must be quick; come ready for work.

SOLICITORS—In the field for educational project, at once; good wages; call 5 to 9 p. m.

HARBOR—White; 25 per cent over \$35.

CHAUFFEUR—To drive and keep car clean; must be sober and reliable; \$100 mo. No cake-eaters need apply.

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WOMAN—Colored, for general household work.

GIRL—For general household work.

MILLINER and preparer, first class; good salary; long season.

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For identity of these and other similar ads, consult the "Help Wanted" Columns, Want Ad Section, today's Washington Times.

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